

## OPINION 1772

**METOPIINI Raffray, 1904 (Insecta, Coleoptera): spelling emended to METOPIASINI, and METOPIINI Townsend, 1908 (Insecta, Diptera): spelling emended to METOPIAINI, so removing the homonymy with METOPIINAE Foerster, [1869] (Insecta, Hymenoptera)**

### Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers:
  - (a) it is hereby ruled that for the purposes of Article 29 of the Code the stem of the generic name *Metopia* Meigen, 1803 is METOPIA-;
  - (b) it is hereby ruled that for the purposes of Article 29 the stem of the generic name *Metopias* Gory, 1832 is METOPIAS-.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *Metopia* Meigen, 1803 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy *Musca leucocephala* Rossi, 1790 (a senior subjective synonym of *Tachina argyrocephala* Meigen, 1824 but a junior primary homonym of *Musca leucocephala* de Villers, 1789);
  - (b) *Metopias* Gory, 1832 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Metopias curculionoides* Gory, 1832;
  - (c) *Metopius* Panzer, 1806 (gender: masculine), type species by subsequent designation by Viereck (1912) *Sphex vespoides* Scopoli, 1763.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *argyrocephala* Meigen, 1824, as published in the binomen *Tachina argyrocephala* (valid subjective synonym of the specific name of *Musca leucocephala* Rossi, 1790, the type species of *Metopia* Meigen, 1803);
  - (b) *curculionoides* Gory, 1832, as published in the binomen *Metopias curculionoides* (specific name of the type species of *Metopias* Gory, 1832);
  - (c) *vespoides* Scopoli, 1763, as published in the binomen *Sphex vespoides* (specific name of the type species of *Metopius* Panzer, 1806).
- (4) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology:
  - (a) METOPIAINI Townsend, 1908, type genus *Metopia* Meigen, 1803 (spelling emended in (1)(a) above) (Insecta, Diptera);
  - (b) METOPIASINI Raffray, 1904, type genus *Metopias* Gory, 1832 (spelling emended in (1)(b) above) (Insecta, Coleoptera);
  - (c) METOPIINAE Foerster, [1869], type genus *Metopius* Panzer, 1806 (Insecta, Hymenoptera).
- (5) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology:
  - (a) METOPIINI Townsend, 1908 (spelling emended to METOPIAINI in (1)(a) above);
  - (b) METOPIINI Raffray, 1904 (spelling emended to METOPIASINI in (1)(b) above).

### History of Case 2793

An application to remove the homonymy between the insect family-group names based on *Metopia* Meigen, 1803, *Metopias* Gory, 1832 and *Metopius* Panzer, 1806

was received from Drs Margaret K. Thayer & Alfred F. Newton, Jr. (*Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.*) and Thomas Pape (*Zoologisk Museum, København, Denmark*) on 9 October 1990. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 49: 200–204 (September 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Dr M.G. Fitton (*The Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*) noted (in litt., December 1992) that Carlson (1980) demonstrated that the paper by Foerster, in which a family-group name based on *Metopius* Panzer, 1806 first appeared, was published in 1869, and not 1868 as stated in the application, and that [1869] is now used by most ichneumonid workers as the publication date for the large number of new taxa in Foerster's work.

Carlson, R.W. 1980. The dates of publication of Foerster's generic synopsis and Tschek's Pimplariae paper (Hymenoptera, Ichneumonidae). *Bulletin Entomologique de Pologne*, 50: 121–126.

### Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1993 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 49: 201–202. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1994 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 24: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahner, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

No votes were received from Halvorsen, Lehtinen and Savage.

Dupuis and Ride were on leave of absence.

### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*argyrocephala*, *Tachina*, Meigen, 1824, *Systematische Beschreibung der bekannten europäischen zweiflügeligen Insekten*, vol. 4, p. 372.

*curculionoides*, *Metopias*, Gory, 1832, *Magasin de Zoologie*, 2: pl. 42 [2 pp. text, 1 pl.].

*Metopia* Meigen, 1803, *Magazin für Insektenkunde (Illiger)*, 2: 280.

METOPIASINI Townsend, 1908, *Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections*, 51(2): 64 (incorrectly spelled as METOPIINI).

*Metopias* Gory, 1832, *Magasin de Zoologie*, 2: pl. 42 [2 pp. text, 1 pl.].

METOPIASINI Raffray, 1904, *Annales de la Société Entomologique de France*, 73: 106 (incorrectly spelled as METOPIINI).

METOPIASINI Foerster, [1869], *Verhandlungen des Naturhistorischen Vereines der Preussischen Rheinlande und Westphalens*, 25: 142.

METOPIASINI Raffray, 1904, *Annales de la Société Entomologique de France*, 73: 106 (an incorrect original spelling of METOPIASINI).

METOPIASINI Townsend, 1908, *Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections*, 51(2): 64 (an incorrect original spelling of METOPIASINI).

*Metopius* Panzer, 1806, *Kritische Revision der Insektenfauna Deutschlands*, vol. 2, p. 78.

*vespoides*, *Sphex*, Scopoli, 1763, *Entomologia Carniolica, exhibens insecta Carnioliae indigena* ..., p. 296.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Sphex vespoides* Scopoli, 1763 as the type species of the nominal genus *Metopius* Panzer, 1806:

Viereck, H.L. 1912. *Proceedings of the Entomological Society of Washington*, 14: 176.